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oppose the bill. I believe that if we are going into land use we should have it truly local and not have some super agency have the power and authority to take even the lawmaking authority of local bodies away. I will wait for closing on the motion to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, colleagues, to address a few remarks, first of all, of Senator DeCamp. Obviously, I oppose his motion. Senator DeCamp, if you take the time to read some material I put on your desk today, you would find that this bill has been thoroughly discussed on the floor while you were half way around the world. This body spent in detailed questions...

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Bereuter. I would remind the Senators that we are still on Final Reading and you must be in your chairs.

SENATOR BEREUTER: This bill received an unprecedented amount of discussion on this bill with many, many questions directed to me. Those questions were apparently answered to the majority of the people's satisfaction in this body. As to the specific charges that it grants power to the State Office of Planning and Programming, legislative power, that is patently untrue. The problem is that currently counties and municipalities, to a substantial extent, I would say 90%, are not following existing local planning law. This grants to, it is in Section 6, if you want to follow it, grants specifically the State Office of Planning and Programming the right to consider...the right to review to see that what the localities are doing are consistent with state law and only that. There is no loss of authority in Section 6, as you seem to indicate, to political subdivisions. Presently, we have property owners being denied due process in regard to their own property. That is because localities primarily unintentionally are ignoring provisions of state law relating to public hearings. Zoning boards of adjustment are flagrantly abusing their specified powers and it is the property owner that is negatively affected. Now you cannot stand in this body, Senator DeCamp, and argue for local control and then try to sabotage a bill which strengthens local control to counties and cities and deters the federal government from an involvement. I do not want any federal involvement in land use responsibility in this state. There are others who may feel differently. I doubt if there are many. However, this bill will remove some of the potential excuses for the federal government to get involved in local land use, by insuring that local political subdivisions, where it is appropriate, and it isn't appropriate all over the state. There are many areas in this state that don't need any land use control, at least at this time and in the foreseeable future. But where they are doing it, they are going to have to accord the citizens of this state due process and that is what this bill does. Now there are lots of arguments that have been presented by a very few people who have come around to see you. Those arguments have